(b) how many O.Bs were issued in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area during the year 1998;

(c) whether it is a fact that O.B. issued in July has not given telephone connection so far in the said area; and

(d) by when, telephone connections are likely to be given in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, MTNL, Delhi issued 5249 OB's under Nehru Place Telephone Exchange during the year, 1998.

(b) 439 OB's have been issued in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area during the year 1998.

(c) Yes Sir, telephone connections could not be provided due to the area being technically not feasible.

(d) Telephone connections in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) are being provided progressively and are likely to be provided by March, 1999.

Expansion of internet connectivity

2071. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited propose to expand Internet connectivity services to different cities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Earth stations' to be built in Hyderabad in this connection and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Case is under examination of the Telecom Commission. No decision has been taken so far.

डाक और तार (पा0 एण्ड टी0) कर्मचारियों के लिए अजमेर में कालोनियां

2072. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अजमेर (राजस्थान) में डाक और तार (पी0 एण्ड टी0) विभाग के कर्मचारियों के आवास हेतु निर्मित कालोनियों की संख्या कितनी हैं,

(ख) क्या उक्त कालोनियों में सफाई, पार्क, स्वास्थ्य, सड़क व नाली-मरम्मत एवं निर्माण तथा सिवरेज की व्यवस्था का काम डाक एवं तार विभाग देख रहा हैं, और

(ग) क्या सरकार नागरकि सुविधाओं हेतु उक्त कालोनियों को नगर परिषद को सौंपने का विचार रखती हैं, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या करण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ) : (क) अजमेर में डाक-पार विभाग के कर्मचारियों को आवास मुहैया कराने के लिए 04 कालोनियां हैं।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) जी नहीं। अजय नगर डाक कालोनी की सफाई के लिए स्थानीय पालिका प्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध किया गया था परन्तु उन्होंने इस संबंध में कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की। अतः विभाग उक्त कालोनियों में नागरिक सुविधाएं मुहैया करा रहा हैं।

Refund of security deposits of telephones in Gurgaon

2073. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of cases where the telephones have been shifted/transferred in Gurgaon to third party and their security deposits are yet to be released even after a lapse of more than a year, and

(b) by when Govemment propose to release their security deposit without waiting for their formal applications for refund of security deposit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRl RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, No case in pending under third party transfer in Gurgaon, where telephone has been shifted/ transferred and security.deposit yet to be released. However, one case for refund of security is pending. The concerned subscriber has been requested to furnish deposit documents.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.